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Student Claims Discrimination Against Air France

By ANNE ELDER

A University of Mary Washington junior claims she was fired because she refused to remove her Islamic head scarf on her first day of work at Dulles International Airport, and she has filed a discrimination complaint against her former employer, Air France.

Riham Osman, an international affairs major, has petitioned the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to look into her firing.

Currently, the EEOC is investigating the French airline and Aerotek, the recruiting company that hired her, Osman said.

She said that the EEOC told her on Oct. 26 that Air France had asked for more time to complete its statement regarding the situation, and were given until Monday, Oct. 31, to submit its statement.

She has not yet heard from the EEOC regarding their response. The EEOC did not reply to a request for comment.

According to the EEOC website, "Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits employers from discriminating against individuals because of their religion in hiring, firing, and other terms and conditions of employment."

In 2010, 3,790 religion-based discrimination charges were filed through the EEOC.

Osman had only held her summer job with the airline for six hours on June 2 when she was pulled aside because her hijab, or head scarf, violated the airline's uniform policy, she said.

Osman is a practicing Muslim.

Recounting her first – and last – day at work, Osman said she rose early and picked out a white scarf so it would complement her navy Air France uniform.

Near noon, a manager approached her, she recalled, and told her she was violating corporate dress code. After she refused to remove the scarf, she said, she was asked to leave.

"It was kind of like time stopped and slowed," Osman said.

"I took it very seriously. At first I didn't know it was discrimination; it didn't hit me."

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a grassroots civil rights and advocacy group for Muslims headquartered in Washington, D.C., has been supporting Osman through the ordeal.

"Discrimination based on what we call hijab, or Islamic head scarf, is unfortunately common," said CAIR spokesman Ibrahim Hooper.

He said that usually this type

of discrimination occurs in the workplace. "Women are protected by law, but often that isn't translated into actual practice."

A letter sent from CAIR to Air France stated, "Air France must follow American law and grant reasonable religious accommodations for its employees," according to a Facebook support group.

Osman was hired to work with Air France at Dulles International Airport in Chantilly, Va., by Aerotek. She said she

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Neon Indian, Kreayshawn Rock UMW



Michael Drayer/Bullet

Students put aside homework Monday night to celebrate Halloween with performances by Kreayshawn and Neon Indian in the Great Hall. Above, Neon Indian lead singer Alan Palomo dons a Ghostbusters outfit, backpack and all, for the show. Kreayshawn, shown right, opened the show with her group, White Girl Mob.

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Jordan Kyler/Bullet

Obama Lobbies for Youth Vote in 2012 Campaign

New plan for appearance comes after previous reports of a visit to UMW

By MEGAN BINGHAM

University of Mary Washington President Rick Hurley said on Monday, Oct. 31, that staff of the White House who spoke to the school about Obama's previous cancelled appearance said they would like to come back to Fredericksburg before next November's election.

According to *USA Today*, President Barack Obama is

launching his 2012 campaign in an almost identical style as he did in the 2008 election.

The campaign, called Greater Together, will focus on gaining the younger generation's vote. Using social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, the Greater Together program will be reaching out to college campuses such as Ohio University, Penn State, and now possibly the University of Mary Washington, all in key battleground states.

On Oct. 7, the *Free Lance-Star* published a report from the Associated Press (AP) that said the White House was in discussions with UMW to visit the university on his bus tour on Oct. 19.

The *Free Lance-Star* then reported on Oct. 11 that White House officials had announced that morning "that no imminent visit to Fredericksburg is planned by President Obama."

"I was mad he came before I went to this school, but I'm glad he's coming back," said senior Rachel Grossman.

Sophomore Annika Lewis is also happy to hear that Obama is planning on returning to UMW.

"It's good to have both sides, since we had Karl Rove here," Lewis said. "It doesn't matter if you agree with them, it's great they have the opportunity to come."

Obama's Campaign Manager Jim Messina said in a recent interview with the AP, "The presi-

dent has traditionally done very well with young voters. And there are several million voters who weren't old enough to vote in the last election."

USA Today reported that, Obama's success with young voters has dropped since the economic crisis that has left them at a higher rate of unemployment, 14.7 percent for 20 to 24-year-olds and 23.3 percent of unemployment for 18 to 19-year-olds.

During the election of 2008, 66 percent of voters under 30 supported Obama. Last month, his approval rating for the age group dropped below 50 percent, according to a Gallup poll.

UMW Foundation Gives Gift Cards To Faculty, Staff

Macy's gift cards given after three years without raises for professors

By RUTH DALRYMPLE

In lieu of a raise this year, faculty and staff will be receiving Macy's gift cards from the University of Mary Washington Foundation.

According to the *Free Lance-Star*, "UMW professors haven't received raises in more than three years, though they got one-time bonuses last year."

An email sent by President Rick Hurley on Oct. 19 stated that all full-time faculty and staff will get \$200 gift cards, part-time faculty and staff will get \$100 gift cards, and graduate assistants will get \$50 gift cards.

In the same email, Hurley awarded extra one and one-half days of recognition leave to the winter break and a day of recognition leave during spring break.

According to the Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Rick Pearce, the UMW Foundation wanted to give the gift cards this year because financially "they did better than expected at Eagle Landing."

He explained that they asked for proposals from a number of department stores, and Macy's was the only one that would give a deal with extra gift cards.

Director of University Marketing Sabrina Johnson said that the gift cards rates "reflect the number of employees and the total value of the certificates."

She added that the committee created to allocate the gift cards included not only Human Resources and Finance department members, but also representatives of the faculty and staff.

"We were very inclusive in our decisionmaking [sic]," she said.

According to a March 17 article in the *Free Lance-Star*, the University had hired a consultant to look into the possibility of new raises for faculty.

The study was scheduled to end this summer and was supposed to analyze the UMW faculty and staff salaries to that of comparable-sized universities and look at salary disparities

based on gender and other circumstances.

According to Pearce, the study has not concluded yet, but should be coming out shortly.

A Jan. 10 *Bullet* article disclosed that President Hurley had considered raising tuition and fees as much as 25 percent to cover faculty raises but ultimately decided against it because of Gov. Bob McDonnell's criticism of Virginia Commonwealth University's decision to increase tuition and fees by 24 percent.

The *Bullet* reported on May 17 that UMW ultimately raised tuition and fees for in-state students by 8.8 percent last year, bringing the total tuition and fees cost to \$8,806. Last year in-state students paid \$7,862 in tuition.

The average in-state student who lives on campus and has a meal plan now pays \$17,274 a year, according to the *Bullet* article.

According to a database made by Virginia Tech's student-run newspaper, the *Colligate Times*, which compiles information of public salary from different college and university for 2009, associate professors at UMW make an average of \$58,000 to \$65,000 a year, and professors make from \$65,000 to \$117,000 a year.

Assistant Professor of political science Chad Murphy had conflicted feelings about the gift cards.

"My thoughts are that I appreciate the gesture by President Hurley to at least provide us with some acknowledgement - I'm aware of the budgetary issues the state and the university face, so I'm grateful for any token of appreciation from the administration," Murphy said. "On the other hand, it seems that the university spends [student's] tuition dollars on any number of items that don't directly affect the educational experience at UMW."

Emily Montgomery contributed to this report.

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UMW Police Host Drug Take Back

Event intended to prevent pollution, misuse of extra drugs

By JONATHAN POLSON

The University of Mary Washington Police Department collected four pounds of prescription medication this past Saturday in a drug take-back event that gave students and faculty the opportunity to turn in expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Sergeant Shaun Jones, who headed the event, said they were able to obtain "a large garbage bag full of different types of medication" from "some students and a few faculty members."

He said that compared to other agencies in the area, the four pounds collected was a very successful amount.

Saturday, Oct. 29 was the third National Drug Take Back Day, set up by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). According to the DEA's website, around 4,000 agencies participated in the event last year nationwide.

Jones said the university was one of many drop-off points located around Fredericksburg for people to properly dispose of their unneeded prescription drugs.

He said that the drop-off point on campus was available to students and faculty, but was also open to anyone in the Fredericksburg area, and that they received medication from some community members as well.

The UMW Police Department said in their press release that, "The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked."

The DEA's first national drug take back event happened in September 2010, and after its success, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act to create designated places for people to dispose of their expired and unused medication.

The DEA is now in the process of drafting new regulations to put the Act into action, which could take up to two years.

According to the UMW press release, while the DEA begins to implement the Act, there will continue to be national prescription drug take back events every

few months.

The press release said, "This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue."

They stated that prescription drugs that sit idly in medicine cabinets are subject to being misused and potentially abused.

"Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs," said the UMW Police Department.

They said that studies show many abused prescription drugs are received from medicine cabinets at home.

The UMW Police Department added the most common ways people dispose of unwanted drugs, such as simply throwing them in the trash, have proven to "pose potential safety and health hazards."

According to the Federal Drug Administration, there have been reports on traces of medicine in water systems due to

flushing drugs down the toilet. They recommend disposing of prescription drugs through drug take-back programs, but also have a list of drugs

that have been deemed safe to flush if necessary.

Jones said that they want to give people the opportunity to "dispose properly" of these drugs.

He said that having these drugs are dangerous because expired pills can affect you in a bad way.

Jones added that it is important to "keep them out of the wrong hands" such as young children and even pets.

Freshman Christian Perkins took this opportunity to dispose of the leftover penicillin he had received after a jaw infection earlier this year.

"I think it was a good idea to offer this event," he said, and added that he chose to dispose of his medication this way because he had heard flushing it was bad for the environment.

"Any time we can get them off the street and disposed properly I consider a success," said Jones. He said that the UMW Police Department is now working with the DEA for future events.



BEAT

By EMILY MONTGOMERY

Oct. 27
UMW police responded to a report of an intoxicated student at Willard Hall at 7:32 p.m., resulting in an administrative referral.

Oct. 28
UMW police responded to a report of vandalism/destroyed property in the interior of Chandler Hall that occurred between 5 p.m. on Oct. 26 and 1:42 a.m. on Oct. 28. Someone had ripped an emergency telephone off the wall. The case is pending.

Oct. 28
UMW police responded to a report of vandalism/destroyed property at 1:30 p.m. at parking lot number four at Seacobeck Hall. Someone had stolen a parking lot sign that says, "Reserved for Dining Hall Employees." The case is pending.

Oct. 28
Campus police responded to a report of petit larceny of a bicycle between 6 p.m. on Oct. 27 and 12 p.m. on Oct. 28, from the exterior of the 1104 William St. apartments. The case is pending.

Oct. 28
UMW police responded to a report at 11:45 p.m. of an intoxicated student/underage alcohol violation at Russell Hall, resulting in administrative referral.

Oct. 30
Fredericksburg police responded to a report at an unknown time of a DUI/underage possession of alcohol by a student at the 1200 block of William St., resulting in arrest.

Oct. 30
UMW police responded to a report of grand larceny of a bi-

cycle from the exterior of Jefferson Hall between 4 p.m. Oct. 29 and 8:45 p.m. on Oct. 30. The case is pending.

Oct. 31
UMW police responded to a report of vandalism/destroyed property between 5:30 and 7:40 p.m., at the 1100 William St. Apartments. Someone had broken the window pane of their door next to the door knob, but it appeared that nothing had been stolen. The case is pending.

This information was compiled with help from UMW Police Office Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue.
—UMW Police Dept. Press Release



Courtesy of Josh Lopez

UMW Junior Abbie Rogers, center, sits at the Tar Sands protest held outside the White House in August. To her left is UMW junior Sam Corron, who was also arrested at the event.

UMW Student Interviewed by the Guardian About Tar Sands Activism

By LINDLEY ESTES

University of Mary Washington junior Abbie Rogers was recently interviewed by U.K. news outlet the Guardian, following her arrest in late August outside of the White House at a protest of the Keystone XL pipeline project.

The proposed pipeline will carry crude oil to refineries in Texas from the tar sands of Alberta, Canada.

In the article, titled, "Keystone XL pipeline debate moves

to Nebraska as final decision looms," Rogers was quoted about President Barack Obama's impending decision on the pipeline.

"If Keystone XL goes through under his watch I think young voters are really going to have to make a decision whether or not they want to continue with an administration that seems to compromise early and often and that has done a lot that wasn't change — or at least nothing to the extent we felt we were being promised," she said to the

Guardian.

About the interview, Rogers said, "It was pretty painless... I'm happy that Suzanne [the journalist] took the time to talk to me."

Rogers is passionate about the tar sands project, and said that the pipeline is part of a larger problem.

"It's about something so much bigger than the pipeline," she said. "It's about climate change. It's about dirty energy in general."

Rogers, an officer with the

campus ecology club, is partaking in another protest at the White House on Sunday. She, along with 50 or more students and faculty members, will join roughly 10,000 others and join hands around the White House, Rogers said.

President Barack Obama suggested on Tuesday that he would make a final decision regarding the Keystone XL pipeline next year, according to news outlets, including CBS.



Courtesy of Riham Osman

Junior Riham Osman claims she was fired on the first day of her job with Air France because she was wearing a hijab.

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wore her hijab to her interview, and it didn't seem to be a problem.

"I never thought they would have a problem with it," she said. "I just never thought they would do that in America... the feeling of being discriminated against, it's kind of like you don't matter."

Neither Air France nor Aeroteck responded to requests for comment.

However, in a previous article published in the Fairfax Times, an Air France representative in New York confirmed that the airline was investigating the situation, stating that Air France is "committed to EEOC policies concerning diversity" and the airline "complies with all appropriate human rights and discrim-

ination laws."

After Osman was terminated from Air France, Aeroteck offered her several other positions, which she declined.

"I don't want to work for them anymore," she said.

In a statement published by the Fairfax Times, Aeroteck said, "Air France declined to make this accommodation [to allow Osman to wear the hijab] and instructed us to end her assignment at Air France."

Osman has received worldwide support.

The Facebook group "Riham

Osman Against Air France" has garnered 779 fans, asking people to ban Air France until the airline apologizes.

"I didn't realize how far it would get," Osman said. "It was nice having a lot, a lot of support."

Full face veils in France have become controversial. In April, a law banning Islamic veils in France came into effect. France is the first European country to publicly ban the religious headwear, with violation consequences ranging from a fine of 150 euros (or \$209), to lessons in French citizenship, according to the

Huffington Post.

For Osman, wearing her hijab makes her more comfortable with her identity. She started wearing it during the second semester of her freshman year here.

"I feel so much more confident when I'm wearing it," she said. "I know who I am now."

Currently, Osman's case is moving slowly.

Hooper said that since the charges are against a foreign corporation, it may take more time than it would with a U.S.-based company. But, Osman is prepared to follow through.

"If it has to turn into a lawsuit, I'm willing to do it," Osman said. "This is absolutely not fair, choosing between my religion and job. Nobody should ever be in that position."

The feeling of being discriminated against, it's kind of like you don't matter.

—Riham Osman

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Viewpoints

2012 Election Takes Backseat to Gossip

Kim Kardashian's Failed Marriage Overpowers Controversy in the Presidential Election

If the majority of the University of Mary Washington campus were asked who Herman Cain was without the benefit of a Google machine or the option to phone a friend, how many words do you think the average person would be able to say about him?

Ten words or less, right? Some of the student

population probably still doesn't know that he's a Republican presidential candidate who is under heat now because of sexual harassment allegations that have come down on him in recent days.

On the other side of things, if the same group was asked who Kim Kardashian was with the same rules in place, most of them could probably spout off at least 500 words just off the top of their head. And what exactly is the Kardashian clan famous for? Kim has no discernible talent, but is basically Paris Hilton 2.0.

Sex tape? Check. Reality show where nothing happens and every tiny aspect of her life is overdramatized to make it

seem important? Check. A shift to become a "fashion designer" and then the release of a crappy perfume? Check.

Kim has pulled a Houdini act in convincing the world she is important when she isn't. When you have no talent you have to

dalous allegations.

Cain actually matters. An NBC/Marist poll reported on Oct. 19 had him leading other Republican candidates in a pair of crucial states to the Republican primary race, South Carolina and Florida.

The problem is that the majority of college students are

among the nearly 11 million people who follow Kim Kardashian on Twitter and are too busy checking her feed to keep tabs on the latest primary debate.

This has nothing to do with political affiliation, but is simply a matter of being responsibly aware of candidates, their qualifications, and their possible ineptitude. That's not to say that everyone has to be-

come a political junkie obsessing over every aspect of an election, but just turn it from E! to ABC News every now and again.

So instead of glorifying a woman who is famous just for being famous and had a marriage so short it made Judy Hample and William Frawley's separate reigns as UMW president seem like centuries of service, perhaps we should keep better tabs on those who could possibly be the next leader of the free world.



Courtesy of Antonio Calanni/AP
Kardashian's marriage has already ended, attesting to the consumer culture we live in.

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keep yourself constantly in the public eye, so they don't have time to realize that you don't matter.

Thus Kim's latest stunt: a \$10 million wedding that made women flock to television sets like it was the Royal Wedding all over again, only to file for divorce a mere 72 days later.

But of course, you already knew that.

So what does that say about us college students? We are supposedly young adults getting a higher education and on the cusp of entering the real world, yet infinitely more of you know about Kim's recent attention grab than the fact that a rising presidential candidate is doing his best to dodge some scan-

Don't Act like You Don't Know Me

By MOLLY SULLIVAN

I was sitting at a computer in the library this past week when a boy I know fairly well sat down at the computer next to me. When I say I know him fairly well I mean that we have been to each other's houses and have had many conversations. I could recognize him in my peripheral vision, but he seemed not to notice me, so I opted not to say hello. It seemed as though he did the same, because neither of us acknowledged the other during the hour we were seated side by side in the library.

Odd as it may seem to any outsider to the UMW community, I find this library incident unremarkable. I experience this sort of situation multiple times each week, which has led me to wonder: why do students intentionally ignore each other when in the presence of an acquaint-

tance? Oftentimes, I pretend as though I do not see my acquaintances because I'm fearful that I will appear obnoxious or even fake if I address them, which is irrational, but a fear that it seems I am not alone in having.

In this awkward situation at the library, I tried multiple times to catch his eye to say hello, not wanting to appear aloof. I assumed there was no way he could avoid noticing that I was sitting next to him. Perhaps I was wrong to assume this, but regardless we sat next to each other and acted like

"Why do students intentionally ignore each other when in the presence of an acquaintance?"

complete strangers.

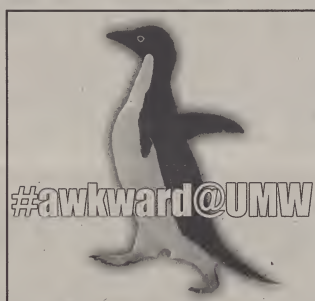
Going to this school is like living in a small town, everyone knows everyone else. With a student body of approximately 4,000, two people are never more than a degree or two separated from one another. I find the small, close-knit feel of this

campus to be a great asset. Having come to UMW as a transfer student I was randomly thrown into an apartment with two older

girls, and this connectedness made my transition to a new school much less overwhelming. In other cases, I'm unsure of

whether an acquaintance remembers me (seeing that many of my acquaintances are made during wild Saturday night throw downs) so I do not want to make them feel uncomfortable by saying hello. Also, I often like the reasoning behind this relates to seeming "cool." "Cool" people lead busy lives of socialization, and subsequently have no time to remember insignificant names and faces. Although

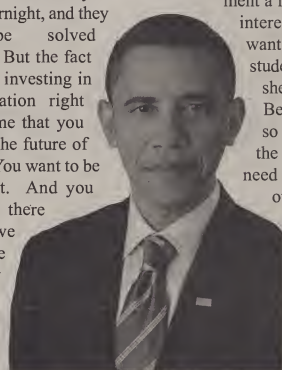
trivial, there seems to be an interesting process leading up to the choice to say hello—or in this case, not to say hello.



someone I hardly know remembers my name and seems happy to see me on Campus Walk. Having reflected on this inconsequential library incident, I have resolved to make more of an effort to be warm and outgoing to all the people I know—regardless of whether we are close, or mere weekend acquaintances.

I think I can speak for us all when I say that everyone appreciates a friendly greeting. I am particularly flattered when

someone I hardly know remembers my name and seems happy to see me on Campus Walk. Having reflected on this inconsequential library incident, I have resolved to make more of an effort to be warm and outgoing to all the people I know—regardless of whether we are close, or mere weekend acquaintances.



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That's not just important for our country right now—it's important for our future. Michelle and I are there we are today because our college education gave us a chance. Our parents and their generation worked and sacrificed to hand down the dream of opportunity to us.

Now it's our turn. That dream of opportunity is what I want for my daughters, and for all of you. And even in these tough times, we are going to make that dream real once again.

In the weeks ahead, I'm going to keep doing everything in my power to make a difference for the American people—including young people like you. Because here in America, when we find a problem, we fix it. When we face a challenge, we meet it. We don't wait. And I hope you'll join me.

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I got breast cancer from drinking more than three to six drinks per week, according a re-

cent study cited in the *Washington Post*. I got malaria from the mosquito living rent-free in our kitchen. I got ebola when I was 14, living down the street from the medical center harvesting the disease in Maryland. And I got tuberculosis when I went to the Moulin Rouge.

All of it makes sense, right?

When my parents were in college, my dad went out and bought a copy of Gray's Anatomy when my mom was sick. He wanted to be able to understand exactly what was going on.

Now, I don't want to be the one to age my parents, but this was before the Internet existed. Or at least it was pretty close to

that time. So, I like to think of Gray's Anatomy as the original WebMD of medicine. Even as a child, whenever I felt sick, I would reach for my mom's Mayo Clinic Handbook. Self-diagnosis is an art that cannot be learned. You have to be born with it.

Or buy a book. Except, books are more for knowledge. WebMD and Yahoo Answers are for diagnosis.

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Right now on the WebMD

homepage, there is a headline that says, "Trouble Focusing?" followed by, "It could be ADHD." There's even a quiz to evaluate how ADHD you are.

My results said that, "the patient is severely affected by ADHD and, if treated, is not having a good response to treatment." I didn't think I had ADHD, until I saw that link and took that quiz.

Guess I should tell all my professors that that's why I have the attention span of a gnat and spend most class periods looking through different typefaces.

So, as flu season hits home this fall, remember one thing. When WebMD tells you that your cough is a sign of severe pneumonia, believe them. They're always right.

Hell, I probably have prostate cancer, too.

unhappy hour

By ANNE ELDER

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Proposition 26 could radically alter the definition of when life begins, declaring all abortions illegal.

Legislation Could Define When Life Begins

By DAWN GOOGE

Brace yourselves folks. Legislators in Mississippi believe they've answered the age-old question of what qualifies as a life in the eyes of the law, and that's a fertilized egg.

Legislators in Mississippi, Florida and Ohio are moving for a personhood constitutional amendment titled Proposition 26. This proposition would declare a fertilized human egg a legal person, thus deeming abortions and some forms of birth control as murderous.

Brad Prewitt, lawyer and executive director of the "Yes on 26" campaign, stated, "Personhood is bigger than just shutting down abortion clinics. It's an opportunity for people to say that we're made in the image of God."

Personhood amendments like Proposition 26 would outlaw abortions in all instances including rape and incest, would bar some birth control methods in-

cluding intrauterine device and "morning after pills" which prevent fertilized eggs from implanting in the uterus, as well as criminalize the destruction of embryos fertilized in laboratories.

The introduction of Proposition 26 has caused a schism within the anti-choice community, between those who view the amendments to be a step in the right and moral direction, and others, which include the traditional anti-choice organization National Right to Life, and Roman Catholic bishops who have deemed the amendments "reckless" and undermining to the progress made in repealing Roe v. Wade.

The actions of Mississippi differ greatly from the approach taken by other states in respect to abortion legislation. States with adamant anti-choice sentiments typically employ restrictive, bureaucratic, as well as financial tactics to limit abortion accessibility.

The Mississippi amendment has its sights set on sidestepping the abortion arguments and legal battles by extending the term "human" to include every human being from the moment of fertilization, cloning, or functional equivalent thereof.

Personhood amendments similar to that of Proposition 26 have been squashed twice in Colorado, despite the fact that Personhood USA is a Colorado based campaign. In hindsight, the defeats were a minor setback now that Mississippi has proved welcome ground for yet more violations of women's rights. Mississippi is prime real estate for Personhood USA because the issue of abortion transcends party and racial lines, easily rallying candidates for the cause.

Dr. Randall Hines, a fertility specialist in Jackson who works with Mississippians for Healthy Families, has stated in opposition to the amendments, "the amendment reflects biological ignorance; most fertilized eggs

do not implant in the uterus or develop further." Hines goes on to say that "Once you recognize that the majority of fertilized eggs don't become people, then you recognize how absurd this amendment is."

Speaking on behalf of Mississippians for Healthy Families, Hines fears that the amendment would cause severe and unintended consequences for doctors and women dealing with ectopic or similarly dangerous pregnancies as well as for in vitro fertility treatments. Hines finishes by saying that, "they'll be asking the Legislature, the governor and judges to decide what's best for the patient."

With the seeming lack of regard for the likelihood of a ruling of unconstitutionality, and the aims set to federal amendments the personhood campaign and Proposition 26 represent a real threat to us all, and I urge you all to hold your government representatives accountable to their constituency.

Republican Outed During Democratic Smear Campaign

Democratic state Sen. Janet Howell uses opponent's sexuality for political gain

By MAXWELL REINHARDT

After a decade marked by terrorism, bitter partisan gridlock, and a grinding culture war, I bet you thought you'd seen every nasty bit that American politics had to offer. I did, until I opened up a newspaper and read that the incumbent Democratic state senator from Fairfax and Arlington, Janet Howell, was attacking her Republican opponent, Patrick Forrest, by alerting the district's conservative constituents that he is an openly gay man.

A few weeks ago, a Republican operative recorded a conversation with an intoxicated Democratic precinct captain working for Sen. Howell's reelection campaign. On the recording, the Democratic operative can be heard saying, "Why would you want to vote for someone who's a homosexual and is going to push his [homosexual] agenda in your schools?"

Sen. Howell was trying to inform socially conservative voters of Forrest's homosexuality hoping that it will dissuade them from voting for him.

Forrest has been approached by Republican voters asking him if he was indeed, as the Democratic volunteers had told them, a homosexual. Forrest usually responds by saying, "Yeah, I'm

gay. I've always been openly gay."

However, Forrest's homosexuality does not appear to be the Democrats' main concern. They had been told by volunteers that he would push a "homosexual agenda" in public schools, a ludicrous claim, that Forrest has repeatedly denied.

Anyone who has seen the film "Milk" knows that the Democrats' attack is not original. It is an echo from another era, the era of Anita Bryant and John

Briggs who pushed a piece of legislation called Proposition 6 in California which would have fired all gay and lesbian school employees and their supporters. The measure failed, and is considered a landmark victory by gay rights advocates.

While Sen. Howell does have a strong pro-gay rights record, the behavior of her campaign should be condemned as unacceptable to anyone who supports equal rights for gays and lesbians, but unfortunately the damage has already been done. Gay Republicans who might want to run for office in the future might be dissuaded from participating in the political process because of Sen. Howell's homophobic attacks.

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Who's Capitalizing on Pink Products

By BRIDGET BALCH

The pumpkins and costumes are put away, the fallen leaves are blown into piles off Campus Walk, and the pink ribbons promoting breast cancer awareness are going into migration for the winter. October, or "pinktober," is over.

Everyone has seen the pink ribbon campaign in action. This iconic symbol can be seen on everything from bumper stickers to high heels. Most people believe that proceeds from the sale of these products will go toward finding a cure for breast cancer.

However, you might want to pause and think about where your money is really going before you spend \$80 on five-inch, sparkly pink "Fergie Awareness Pumps."

According to Think Before You Pink, a project of Breast Cancer Action, many companies capitalize on the pink ribbon campaign. Supporting the search for a cure for breast cancer is really good for a company's public image, and many shoppers are

more likely to spend money on something that they think will donate to a good cause. However, it may be an extremely small amount that actually goes to charity.

According to an article in the San Francisco Business Times titled "Breast cancer group questions value of pink ribbon campaigns," Yoplait's "Save Lids to Save Lives" campaign promised to donate 10 cents to Susan G. Komen for the Cure for every pink lid sent in.

Sounds good, except that it costs 37 cents just to mail them. Also, Post-It had a pink ribbon campaign that resulted in \$300,000 raised for City of Hope, but they spent \$500,000 on the campaign, according to PR Week.

Think Before You Pink also encourages people to check out the products themselves. Many of the companies that support "pink" are known to make products that contain chemicals that can be harmful to a person's health.

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Courtesy of clevelandleaders.com

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is a well-known foundation for breast cancer awareness. The organization hosted hundreds of events across the country this Oct. during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The car companies Ford, Mercedes and BMW all used "pink" to promote car sales, while the exhaust from their cars releases toxic chemicals into the environment that are linked to cancer. Even Susan G. Komen for the Cure's perfume, Promise Me, contains Galaxolide and Toluene, chemicals that have been found to be toxic and have negative health effects.

Furthermore, Komen, which is the biggest name in the fight against breast cancer, and has spent millions of dollars legally defending their sole right to the use of the phrase "for

the Cure" in their organization name, reportedly only spent 20.9 percent of their revenue in funding research, according to the organization's consolidated financial statements.

Administrative costs make up about 11 percent of expenses, which might not seem like a lot, but when we're talking about a multi-million dollar, non-profit organization where the CEO's salary is over \$500,000, according to the organization's 2008 Form 990, it might be a bit excessive.

Almost 40 percent went to "Public Health Education," which includes pro-

viding material with information on breast cancer as well as all the "pink" awareness activities: races, walks, benefits, bowling tournaments, etc.

I don't know about you, but I'm pretty aware of breast cancer. My grandmother died of it. I think most people are aware that breast cancer exists. I'm not saying people do not need to be educated on prevention and getting tested, but I don't know if all the "pink" hype and such a great percentage of donations going to education is

the best way to do this. Perhaps they should think about changing their name from "for the Cure" to "for Awareness."

Breast cancer is a horrible thing. I am wholeheartedly in support of ending it, getting involved and donating to the cause. I'm just afraid that certain companies are seeking to capitalize on charity." —companies are seeking to capitalize on charity. So next time, before you jump on the "pink" bandwagon, make sure you find out exactly where your money is going.

Style

Neon Indian Livens up Halloween at UMW

The Great Hall plays host to electronica group Neon Indian and rapper Kreayshawn

By UPMA KAPOOR

The last place you would expect a project identified as "White Girl Mob" and a psychedelic chill-wave band recreating live, acid-induced experiences is in the Great Hall. With the creative combination of live performances by both Kreayshawn and Neon Indian, it was reality for Mary Washington through the Noisy College Tour on Halloween evening.

Giant Productions announced earlier that they would be allocating 600 student tickets for the concert; rather than risking an absence at the evening's festivities, students were lining up an hour before wrist band distribution to ensure attendance and enjoyment. The crowd's impatience kept building once doors opened with students literally rushing in – as fast as they could – to have a good spot. Students were tripping and falling over one another to gain maximum visual exposure for both performances.

The crowd was undeniably energetic for the night ahead of them as everyone cheered for the opening performance by rapper, Kreayshawn, accompanied by her sister, V-Nasty, DJ, and unidentified hype man. Kreayshawn was an unknown rapper from California until she released the video "Gucci Gucci" to the vast throngs of the internet. Here's the issue: her one-hit-wonder success was incredibly transparent.

Audibly, she was awful; however, as a theatrical performer,



Mike Drayer/Bullet

Neon Indian's captivating stage presence and light show hyped the Halloween crowd in the Great Hall.

Kreayshawn was impressive with her supposedly inappropriate stage tactics. Both she and her sister would grab condom balloons and repeatedly encourage students to practice safe sex while humping the balloons. Her hype man? Not really doing his job when he is depending on crowd involvement based on the same command: "Put your hands up!"

Unfortunately, Kreayshawn

did not possess much of the "swag" she boasts in her songs. Kreayshawn closed with her one-hit, "Gucci Gucci," finally allowing the audience to immerse themselves in the de-individualized-crazy-concert-experience that most audience members were looking forward to.

Neon Indian was a complete 180-degree shift from Kreayshawn, emerging on stage in full costume and blasting

super-retro synthesized sounds resembling a super-sonic spaceship. With a carefully orchestrated lighting system that corresponded with the act's beats and the amount of ancient (yet appreciated) equipment on stage, Mary Washington students instantly recognized the opportunity to experience a live show unlike anything this school had been exposed to before.

Neon Indian's frontman Alan

Palomo stole the show with his swift dance moves and dynamic vocals. The fact that the man could run from synthesizer to synthesizer and still simultaneously sing and dance is mind-blowing; that type of energy is absolutely contagious. While most audience members may have been unfamiliar with Neon Indian's music, many gladly surrendered their inhibitions to the trippy visions each song created

before them, indulging in the abstract trance that the band created.

What is interesting about both artists is the fact that they both really found themselves as popular figures through internet influence: Kreayshawn with viral music videos and Neon Indian through the budding indie blogosphere from 2009 to now. The contrast of both artists, albeit interesting, definitely revealed the difference between overly-produced and obviously altered single-hits and carefully constructed and created songs for actual live performance. Regardless, I could not think of any other better way to spend Halloween on campus than attend this concert.

PHOTOS ONLINE



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Check out more photos of the Neon Indian and Kreayshawn concert at umwbullet.com

Highland Games Offer Heavy Doses of Competition and Scottish Pride

Scottish festival full of kilts, hammer-throwing and scotch

By ANDREA FORCUM

Large, kilted men smelling of whiskey and sweat invaded the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia this past weekend for the 17th Annual Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival in a way that would make even William Wallace proud.

The moment guests got out of their cars they were greeted by the sounds of bagpipes and drums. Spicy and fried scents from the various vendors drifted alluringly through the parking lot.

The parade of Scottish Clans announced those who were attending the festival to partake in the games or simply there to partake in the drinking. One usually followed the other.

Throughout the different games one theme remained – big men throw far. The games included the Weight Toss, Scottish Hammer Toss and the Weight Over Bar. Essentially, it was big men throwing heavy stuff as far as they could – and it was great.

The entire day was filled with upbeat music provided by a variety of live bands. If the bands weren't your thing the edges of the festival were full of alternative entertainment including Scottish Fiddle competitions, Highland Dance competitions, axe throwing and a petting zoo.

Whiskey tasting offered a fun twist on the expected, allowing partakers to try five different types of single-malt scotch whiskey. Scotch Master Hal Clary also educated the tasters on the process of distilling, although by the fifth whiskey the crowds were less than studious.

For guests who wanted to find their own family within the clans, booths were set up providing information and histories for the various families. Vendors also

provided printing for family crests and flags and windsocks with the crests emblazoned upon them.

If the food smelled amazing, it tasted better. Smoked turkey legs, haggis, and jammers and mash flowed abundantly. Two steps could barely be taken before you'd eye something delicious that someone else was eating.

The fusion of American, Irish and Scottish cultures was fasci-

nating. One man wore camouflage long-underwear under his kilt; another supported the Redskins with a jersey atop his kilt and traditional boots. However, the pièce de résistance had to be the guy in a kilt while wearing the Imperial Storm Trooper helmet.

The events ended as every Highlands Games should, with the awards ceremony. Immersed in the mud, beer, kilts and games the festival made you feel like part of the clans regardless of your heritage; but then, it could've been the scotch.



Andrea Forcum/Bullet

Timberlake's Latest not a Complete Waste of 'Time'

By ERIN KENDERISH

Imagine a world where you and I would only age for a few more years. When we reached the age of 25, we would only have a year left to live unless we earned more time. Welcome to the world of "In Time," a dystopian future where everyone is genetically modified to appear 25-years-old forever, and time is used as currency. To make things easier, all residents in the world have been divided into "Time Zones" according to their class standing. For instance, in Zone 4, dubbed New Greenwich, residents live for centuries and remain above the troubles of other zones, like Zone 12, where residents are dealing with ever increasing inflation and the countless dead bodies of those who "timed out" are more and more common every day.

"In Time" is the newest film from director Andrew Niccol, also well known for his other future dystopian movies "Gattaca" and "S1m0ne."

Justin Timberlake stars as Will Salas, a young man who literally lives day-to-day just like his other fellow residents. In his home of Zone 12, having more than a week extra of time means being killed for time faster than you can order a cup of coffee. Within the crazy world of "In Time," his life is relatively normal until the night he meets New Greenwich resident Henry Hamilton (Matt Bomer) who has over a century of time on his arm and is boozing around a Zone 12 dive, wishing to die. Through an exciting series of events, he transfers all but five minutes of his time to a sleeping Will. He leaves the message "don't waste my time" on the window and then times out before Will can reach him to return the gift.



Image courtesy of in-time-movie-trailer.blogspot.com

N'SYNC's Justin Timberlake stars in "In Time."

Henry's death is agreed by the authorities to be unnatural and suspicious so they send a group of Timekeepers (led by Cillian Murphy) to investigate. Will flees to New Greenwich where he encounters Sylvia Weiss (Amanda Seyfried), the daughter of one of the richest men in the world. Eventually they join together in a Robin Hood-esque fashion, robbing time banks, giving to the less fortunate and looking good while they do it.

"In Time" is stylish, to say the least. Especially in terms of the costumes, but that is to be expected with Colleen Atwood

("Alice in Wonderland," "Memoirs of a Geisha") behind them. My main complaint? Sylvia runs everywhere in 5-inch spike heels.

Also most of the characters are named after watch brands and designers. Clever is this movie's middle name. While the plot is relatively simple, the way in which it is told keeps you enthralled by this corrupted world and will definitely have you discussing it afterwards. Niccol remains a master at world building, and "In Time" is well worth a watch.

STYLE ONLINE

Joey Richter gained viral fame as Ron Weasley in the Harry Potter parody "A Very Potter Christmas." Now he's a part of his own production company. One of the Bulletin's writers caught up with Richter to find out what it's like to be an Internet sensation. Go to umwbullet.com for more.



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Style

It's the Men's Turn on the Catwalk

By SARAH KELLY

There's nothing like a well-dressed man. Charm and intelligence are valuable traits, but would Ryan Gosling be even half as dreamy if his suits weren't always so well-cut?

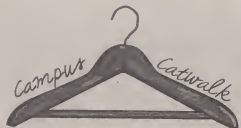
Women tend to take center stage in the fashion world due to the variety of trends seen on runways, but men's fashion is a much more subtle art.

Here are the three essential rules to being a stylish man on campus.

First, pay attention to fit. Most clothing sizes just don't fit well enough, and with jacket sizes this is essential. Having a few items of clothing tailored is an investment that will be returned many times over.

The second rule: no sweatpants under any circumstances. Write that one down.

Lastly, keep accessories simple.



A well-chosen pair of shoes, for instance, is a simple way to say a lot about what kind of person you are, without saying a word.

When it comes to men's fashion, studio art major Mattson Fields gets it just right: expressing his personal style by choosing classic pieces based on quality and design.

He describes his own look by

saying it's "Like what people wear when they think they're better than other people. I don't think that I'm better than other people, but sometimes I just look like I do."

Fields, a junior originally from Arlington, Virginia, wears a T-shirt with the aperture symbol from a camera on the front from the online store "Threadless," a site specializing in community designed T-shirts.

"My look is sort of art student circa 1999, circa 2000." His beige sneakers are from oddball.com.

"I love sneakers that look kind of classic, like canvas sneakers, although I've never had any converse." Fields wears a gray hoodie from H&M.

"I buy a lot of stuff from H&M because it's cheap and always really fashionable." The hoodie has a quirky design feature that allows the zipper to go up all the way to the top of the hood, covering one's head completely.

"It doesn't really make practical sense," he said of the sweater. His outfit is complemented by a classic swatch watch.

"I only buy swatches, because I really like Swatch. I think watches are one of the few things that guys can like legitimately wear. I just like watches because they're functional. I think they look good, and there's a lot of cool designs for them that people don't really know about."

Mattson's style influences are quite eclectic, ranging from the east of the British TV show "Skins" to Harajuku street fashion in Japan. As an art student, Fields has a hard time being both someone who values what they wear, while also keeping in mind that his clothes "always end up getting paint on them." As he points out, fashion has a direct link to the art world.

"You'll see a lot cooler fashions on the creative majors, English and Creative Writing and Studio art kids. It's something about being an individual. It's just about expressing yourself, telling people you care about aesthetics."

Mattson's style is the perfect example of how to put a personal spin on classic, well-structured pieces.



image courtesy of lyrics.wikia.com

Mastodon's fifth studio album, "The Hunter," was released on Sept. 27

Mastodon's 'Hunter': Another Must-Hear

Blend of blues and metal mixes perfectly

By JOSHUA LAWSON

The Atlanta, Georgia heavy metal quartet Mastodon released their fifth studio album, "The Hunter," on Sept. 27.

Since the group's 2004 album "Leviathan," Mastodon has steadily pushed their music further and further into progressive musical space. "The Hunter" is a change in this trended, marking the first time since "Leviathan" that Mastodon has looked backward. Their latest effort harkens back to the comparatively simple structures and short lengths that haven't been heard from Mastodon in some time, while still utilizing many of the new musical tricks the band has picked up over the years.

Even though "The Hunter" offers shorter, simpler songs

fans need not fear a loss in Mastodon's exceptional musicianship; guitarists Brent Hinds and Bill Kelliher pepper songs with impressive solos and bluesy, country flavor and drummer Brann Dailor still reigns as the best drummer in heavy metal, his jazz sensibilities resulting in a slew of impressive rhythms and drum fills.

This combination of excellent musicianship and the more straightforward rock and roll sound of "The Hunter" collide into a neo-blues sound, not unlike the exhibited by acts like Queens of the Stone Age or The Black Keys, but with a decidedly more progressive edge.

An ideal example of the neo-blues sound of "The Hunter" is the slow, grooving "Curl of the Burl;" the rhythm is solid, steady and simple and the solos

are dirty and emotive, a far cry from the spacey meandering sound of Mastodon's previous effort, "Crack the Skye."

Head bangers should still find themselves at home with Mastodon, however, as songs like "Black Tongue," "Blasteroid," and the aptly titled "All the Heavy Lifting" all raise a shouting, uproarious ruckus.

Since their debut album "Remission," Mastodon have yet to release a disappointing album, instead growing consistently better with age as they take their sound to new places with every new record. While fans will likely be split on whether or not "The Hunter" is a superior effort to "Crack the Skye," few would argue it isn't another solid record from one of the coolest bands in modern rock.



Sarah Kelly/The Bulletin

Art major Mattson Fields exhibits men's fashion.

UMW's First Haunted House a Tradition in the Making

By MADELINE MCDONALD

The University of Mary Washington's first ever haunted house was a solid success this Halloween. I was scared out of my mind, I screamed, and there were even free deviled eggs. However, like most first attempts, there is room for improvement.

One thing that can definitely be improved upon is timing. The haunted tour was full of stops and starts, beginning with the biggest stop of them all: a long line. I waited for a little over an hour outside of Madison Hall. The reason? A lecture from the tour guide on Dr. Madison, Mary Washington's resident

mad scientist. I commend the tour guide for memorizing what felt like 10 minutes worth of information on Dr. Madison and her crazy inventions, but this sort of thing needs to be scrapped if the haunted house is going to happen again.

After a week of lectures and lessons, students don't want to hear another one at an activity where they expect to get their pants scared off them unless that long, long story is going to help me escape the haunted house or save Mary Washington from evil scientists.

Luckily, Madison made up for this with possibly the scariest moment of my life. The tour guide "accidentally" locked our

group in Dr. Madison's "lab," a tiny little cellar with brick walls and a cement floor. I could see the guys in black robes hanging out in the shadows, but I still hid behind my friends when the lights went off and the strobe light turned on. It was freaky! I now know that if I'm ever presented with a horrifying situation, I will shriek and hide behind everyone else in the room.

From here we got to walk across the super cool crossway between Madison Hall and Ball Hall to "Ball Hall's Twisted Fairy Tales." Unfortunately, we had to wait again while sections of our group went one at a time into the haunted dorm, which

took about seven minutes or so.

While we waited, the haunted house security was nice enough to talk to us, but they ended up letting us in on all the little things going on behind the scenes, like who wasn't showing up at their posts and what was going wrong.

It was nice of them to try talking with us, but it really took me out of the moment and back into the real world.

This continued to happen in Ball, which was a bit of a disappointment considering how amazing the dorm looked. They clearly put a lot of effort and creativity into making their haunted house a success. The decorations completely transformed the

dorm into a terrifying, magical world where your favorite childhood stories could kill you as well as offer you deviled egg eyeballs.

I was in awe of all they had accomplished, but a good portion of the actors often broke character to say "hi" to people they knew while the ever-present security guards smiled and said hello. It detracted from the amazing atmosphere they had created, making the dorm seem sweet and eccentric rather than haunted and terrifying.

Finally, we reached Custis Hall, the haunted insane asylum. Custis Hall had more of the things one can expect from a haunted house, like people pop-

ping out from the dark screaming at you as well as blood and guts. What was amazing was everyone remained in character, which I really appreciated after Ball Hall.

The only downside was that it just wasn't scary enough. Custis Hall was full of tricks and situations I'd seen a dozen times before at haunted houses, farms, and forests. Perhaps a little creativity could have been useful.

All in all, I enjoyed my experience. I hope the haunted house becomes a permanent UMW tradition, and that next year is even more terrifying.

Kings Dominion's Halloween Haunt Has Fun and Laughs, But Few Real Scares

By SHANTIA MITCHELL

"Does she work here?" This was the confused inquiry directed to me from an employee at Kings Dominion working the Oct. 14 Halloween Haunt series. Admittedly, I was acting a little odd, but in my defense, the atmosphere was infectious. Listening to what seemed to be the soundtrack to Tim Burton's entire filmography, while walking through an amusement park

blanketed by white fog was a lot of fun. But by far, the most amusing part of the night was watching all of the other timid patrons run and scream madly through the park while being chased by all the enthusiastic employees. Dress as a zombie and terrify patrons all night - best job ever.

The park was well attended that Friday night. With a college I.D., admissions started at around \$25 from 7 p.m. to mid-

night. Anyone who goes to Kings Dominion on a regular basis knows that this pricing is not bad at all. For your money, not only does one get to partake in the usual rollercoasters and rides, but you have the added benefit of all the Halloween attractions, too.

Personally, there was nothing in the park that scared or shocked, me but it was entertaining to let them try. I walked through most of the mazes and

scare zones, yet none of them stood out as particularly horrifying.

The maze, Club Blood, was my personal favorite because of the heavy metal music selection that amplified the hype. Throughout them all, the decorating and costume effort were decently effective, but considering our generation has a new scary movie coming out every week in theatres, you have to go to the extreme to even elicit a

slow blink, let alone a scream.

Our generation's threshold for terror is certainly higher than it used to be. The majority of the screams came more from jolting sounds and anticipation than frightening images.

All this aside, if you have a friend who is deathly afraid of flashing lights, buckets of blood oozing everywhere, and creatures with faces awkwardly extended into creepy smiles, take them there. They will be your

fun and entertainment the whole night.

Drag them past the huge skull in the front, the red glowing tower, and all the foggy tunnels and laugh with glee as they scream and clutch your arm for dear life.

That's really what friends are for in the end: to exploit your fear shamelessly and smile.

Outside the Fence

By ALEX VAN BEE

WORLD

According to the Associated Press, Julian Assange, the founder of Wikileaks, has lost his appeal against extradition to Sweden. Assange has denied the criminal sex allegations which he faces. Assange will continue to be held on bail, under house arrest at Ellingham Hall in Britain.

NATIONAL

Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain is being accused of demonstrating inappropriate conduct towards a former National Restaurant Association employee, as stated in a report on CNN. Texas Gov.

Rick Perry and his campaign both deny involvement with the story, as they were believed to be behind the original Politico story that broke Sunday. Cain dismisses the charges against him as "baseless allegations."

REGIONAL

According to the Washington Post, five teens were shot in Washington D.C. this past Halloween. None of the victims were killed, and there was no real pattern to the shootings. District police maintain that despite the shootings, violent crime is down this year as compared with last year.

Students Report Difficulties With Parking on Campus

By BROOKE MATTA

The towing policies at the University of Mary Washington have some students feeling confused about where they are allowed to park their cars and frustrated by the perceived hassle over retrieving their cars after they are towed.

Sophomores Andrew Hill and Chelsea Raitor were towed from the Eagle Village parking garage earlier this year.

Hill explained that he was parked in a handicap spot on the first floor, but he was towed from it because the first floor is reserved for restaurant patrons.

He was under the impression that cars with handicap passes wouldn't be towed from handicap spots.

However, Shanks Towing owner, Michael Croke, said that

since the pass was temporary and the Eagle Village parking garage is privately owned, Hill was towed for a legitimate reason.

Raitor was not informed that her car had been towed from the garage, but found out when it was no longer in the spot where she left it. She feels that students who are towed should at least be notified of the incident.

"It's unreasonable to be charged an extra amount for parking when students are already paying over \$500 for a parking pass, and were given unclear directions as to where parking is permitted," Raitor said.

Hill said it seems that towing incidents have increased substantially in the past year.

"I didn't even hear about people getting towed that much at all last year," Hill said.

Junior, Catherine Jones and Raitor agree that they have heard about more students getting towed this year.

However, Parking Management Supervisor David Sing and Croke say that this is not the case.

According to Croke, who only tows out of the Eagle Village parking garage, the current towing policy is less stringent than last year's.

"I urge that the students take advantage of the resources they have regarding parking policies," Croke advised.

According to Croke, those re-

sources are readily available online.

Croke declined to share the statistics for the incidents of students getting towed between the years, but says there is no noticeable change in his numbers.

According to Sing, who deals with student towing everywhere on campus except for the Eagle Village parking garage, only two students have been towed in his jurisdiction this year.

Sing believes that there is adequate parking available on campus for the number of students registered, although some people choose not to register their cars and park in student spots anyway.

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-Chelsea Raitor

Sing acknowledged that parking on campus is currently an issue, especially with the construction along College Avenue that cuts into parking for students.

However, Sing is hopeful that the situation will improve soon.

"I would probably say that you're going to see some major changes coming up in the near future," Sing said.

According to Jones, who lives in Eagle Landing, a resident advisor incorrectly told her that she could park anywhere in the Eagle Village parking garage as long as her temporary parking pass was visible on the dashboard.

Jones was subsequently towed after parking on the third floor of the garage, and forced to retrieve her car from the Shanks Towing lot.

According to Jones, she was belittled and yelled at by an employee of Shanks Towing for not bringing exact change to pay for the towing.

"If whoever was responsible for hiring the towing company picked a company that was more reasonable and polite, these situations wouldn't be so awful for the students who have their cars towed," Jones said.

In response to Jones' experience, Croke said, "I take all complaints regarding customer service extremely severely. While I find it difficult to believe that any one of my staff members would speak to a customer with such disrespect I would like the opportunity to look into the matter."

He explained that the school is considering building additional parking decks and opening up the student parking areas to a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Sports

Equestrian Team Has Solid Start

By ANDY LEONARD

For some students here at Mary Washington, finding out the school has an equestrian team might come as a surprise. There certainly aren't rolling pastures or a barn on campus that might hint that the university has such a team. Nevertheless, like the rest of the athletes at our school, members of the equestrian team have to juggle schoolwork between several practices a week and competitions that take up entire weekends.

Junior Captain Haley Cook, who has been riding since she was eight years old and even owned four horses in her lifetime, insists she was like most young athletes.

"I played a bunch of sports when I was little and as I grew up, riding began to take priority



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Junior Haley Cook has been riding since she was eight years old.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The UMW equestrian program has finished third in each of their first two shows of the season. They will next compete this Saturday, Nov. 5 at CNU.

over soccer and track" Cook said.

Cook detailed the Mary Washington equestrian team's travels to Goucher College in Towson, Md. for their second horse show of the yearlong season. The Eagles took fourth place with 33 points, 11 behind the competition's winner, Goucher. First place finishes for the Eagles came from senior Emilia Sanchez in intermediate on the flat and junior Kathleen Wallace who finished atop of her novice over fences class. Cook explained that the team was supposed to show their horses on both Saturday and Sunday, but inclement weather held them to riding on Sunday only.

Despite showering her teammates with praise, Cook admitted that the first two shows

haven't gone as UMW planned.

"We've had a rough first two competitions at Goucher," Cook said. "We really want to win next weekend in the show at Christopher Newport. We usually place first or second."

Cook didn't want to lay blame on the judges for the results, but she admitted that, "It's tough. Sometimes judges can be inconsistent with scoring."

While that may be one of the many variables of riding in college, Cook said it's far from the biggest difference between the high school and collegiate levels. The most difficult thing is adjusting from high school's approach of the athlete constantly working with one horse that a rider can get adjusted to.

"In college you work with different horses and at competi-

tions you are randomly given a horse from the hosting school," Cook said. "Competing with horses your familiar with is like the ultimate home team advantage."

As the season goes on, the team should become more comfortable, which the Eagles hope will translate into more successful shows. Cook is optimistic about the upcoming slate of shows, and has a lofty goals for the team.

"Hopefully, we can make it to Nationals," Cook said. I think it would be a really good experience for everyone so that's what we're focusing on."

The Eagles' riding team will next compete this Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Christopher Newport University show.

Cross Country Has To Settle for Second

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27:31, 27:38, and 27:43 respectively. The Lady Eagles received 57 points in the meet, edging out York College for second place and finishing just nine points behind CAC champion Salisbury University.

Stoper had higher expectations for the veteran-laden men's team going into the season, which made taking second place bitter-sweet for him.

"They had a really good year," Soper said. "I told them [after the race], and still believe we have the best team in the conference. We were outperformed at their home course. They ran exceptionally well. We ran pretty good."

Sophomore Daniel Ache placed fifth overall for the men with a time of 29:05. Junior Sean Healy and seniors Stephen Harrison and Kyle Anderson also had top-10 finishes, with Healy finishing eighth at 29:25, Harrison taking ninth at 29:35, and Anderson placing 10th at

29:54. Senior Chris Marino, freshman Julian Menk and senior Blake Turner rounded out the Eagles' runners, finishing 14th, 15th and 20th respectively. The men's side finished with 46 points, 20 points behind York College for first place.

"This semester has been one for crazy weather... we've run through lightning storms, tornado warnings, and mud, so why not a little snow too?"

-Senior Dawn Rainbolt

The Eagles will hope to have better running conditions in two weeks, when both the men's and women's teams compete in the NCAA Regional Championships in Seguin, Texas on Nov. 12.

"I'd really like to end the season with the teams having a race their capable of," Soper said. "It would be nice to have the team rewarded with a good race for all their hard work."

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Fantasy Football Corner

By ZACH MORETTI

Start 'Em

QB: Tim Tebow (DEN)- Let's be clear, Tebow is an awful real life quarterback who appears completely overmatched at the moment. Fortunately for fantasy players, his real life value doesn't matter. Tebow's rushing ability inflates his fantasy numbers, and the Raiders 24th ranked pass defense that will oppose Denver this week is a nice bonus. The Broncos should get down early, which means Tebow will get plenty of opportunities to wing it around.

RB: Jackie Battle (KC)

WR: DaSean Jackson (PHI)
RB: LeGarrette Blount (TB)
WR: Michael Crabtree (SF)
TE: Jermichael Finley (GB)
K: Matt Bryant (ATL)
DEF: Kansas City Chiefs

Sit 'Em

QB: Ben Roethlisberger (PIT)
RB: Chris Johnson (TEN)- After the self entitled CJ2K failed to produce against the abysmal Colts run defense last week, you can no longer put him anywhere near your starting lineup. The running back who awed fans the past three years is nowhere to be found in 2011. Johnson will try to find

Last Week: 9-5-2
Overall: 46-45-5

holes against the Bengals second ranked run defense this Sunday, which means he's sure to flounder yet again.

WR: Andre Johnson (HOU)
RB: Ryan Mathews (SD)
WR: Sidney Rice (SEA)
TE: Jermaine Gresham (CIN)
K: Rian Lindell (BUF)
DEF: Chicago Bears

Add 'Em

QB: Sam Bradford (STL)
RB: Chris Ogbonnaya (CLE)
WR: Darrius Heyward-Bey (OAK)
RB: Javon Ringer (TEN)
WR: Braylon Edwards (SF)
TE: Brent Celek (PHI)
K: Nick Folk (NYJ)
DEF: Atlanta Falcons

Drop 'Em

QB: Jay Cutler (CHI)
RB: Mark Ingram (NO)
WR: Reggie Wayne (IND)
RB: Marshawn Lynch (SEA)
WR: Santana Moss (WAS)
TE: Kellen Winslow (TB)
K: Nick Novak (SD)
DEF: New York Giants



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Titans RB Chris Johnson has been bottled up all year.

UMW Sports Schedule

Volleyball:

CAC Semifinal match at Salisbury University tonight at 7p.m.

Swimming:

Meet at York College on Nov. 4

Equestrian:

Christopher Newport University Show on Nov. 5

Rowing:

Head of the Occoquan Regatta on Nov. 5

Cross Country:

NCAA Regional Championships in Texas on Nov. 12

Women's Basketball:

Game at Washington & Lee on Nov. 15

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Sports

Women's Soccer Wins OT Thriller

Reynolds' goal lifts UMW into the second round of the CAC Tournament

By JONATHAN SPEES

The University of Mary Washington women's soccer team began the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament by traveling to York College in Pennsylvania to do battle with the Spartans on a brisk, yet beautiful Sunday afternoon. It was a back-and-forth struggle that needed extra time to be decided, but a goal late in the first overtime period gave the Eagles the 2-1 victory and allowed them to survive and advance.

"I am extremely proud of my team today," said senior defender Karen Strat after the game. "We proved to ourselves and the other teams in the conference that we are the team to beat in this tournament. For the rest of the season, the seniors including myself, are fighting just to have one more game of our soccer careers. I know I do not want the season to end."

The Spartans looked to have the advantage heading into the game, as they were the home team and had won their regular season match against UMW 2-1. Despite not finding the back of the net, York dominated the first half, outshooting the Eagles 5-0 and at one point holding a 10 to 1 shot advantage over UMW. Despite being on the defensive for most of the first half, UMW was able to keep the game even throughout the opening half.

The first goal came a little more than 10 minutes into the second half, when the Spartans' Jena Armistar was able to finally capitalize on one of the Spartans



Sophomore Erin Reynolds (3) scored an overtime goal last Sunday to carry UMW over York College in the first round of the CAC Tournament.

numerous opportunities. Armistar's goal was a 30-yard strike that got over the head of UMW senior goalkeeper Tina Brehm.

The Eagles looked to be in a lot of trouble as the York finally produced and still had the momentum going for them. However, despite a pressing York team, UMW sophomore Kelsey Carter was able to head the ball into the goal following a brilliant cross from junior Excy Herrera in the 74th minute.

The equalizing goal swung the momentum in the favor of the Eagles, however neither teams were able to break the

draw in regulation, forcing the game to overtime. The Eagles came out still firing on all cylinders, seven minutes into the first overtime period, sophomore Erin Reynolds scored her eighth goal of the season to help the Eagles advance to the second round of the CAC Tournament.

"We played through a lot of adversity and came out on top, I couldn't be more proud of the team," junior defender Emmalee Denkler said. "It's always difficult to win away, especially in postseason, but we didn't let that bother us. We may not have had as many opportunities as York,

but we capitalized when we needed to and came away proving to the conference that we are a serious team and can win this tournament."

The Eagles were back in action last night against the conference's top seed, Salisbury University, and fell to the Sea Gulls 3-2. Mary Washington was up 2-1 with 15 minutes to play in regulation, but Salisbury rallied to score two goals to earn the come from behind victory. The loss ended UMW's season at 9-7-2.

UMW Scoreboard

Men's Soccer: 0-3 loss to York College

The Mary Washington men's soccer team fell to York College yesterday afternoon in the semifinals of the CAC Tournament. The 3-0 defeat ended the Eagles season, concluding the first year of the Coach Kilby era with a 7-7-3 record.

York controlled the ball throughout, and outshot UMW 16-6 in the game. The loss was the first home defeat the men's team suffered since back on Sep. 4, when they fell to Bridgewater College.

The first goal of the Eagles CAC semifinal match wasn't scored until the 37th minute, when York's Justin Facer found the back of the net to break the scoreless tie. The Spartans added goals in the 51st and 55th minute to take the 3-0 win.

Volleyball: 3-1 win over St. Mary's

The UMW volleyball team advanced to the second round of the CAC Tournament with their 3-1 win last Tuesday night over St. Mary's College.

Sophomore Christine Tran anchored the UMW defense with a team-high 17 digs, while senior Katie Shiflett chipped in with a game-high 20 assists. Juniors Karissa Herrick and Ellen Smethurst were the main beneficiaries of Shiflett's passes, as the duo tied for the Eagles lead in kills with eight apiece.

The volleyball team will return to action tonight, as they travel to Salisbury University to take on the Sea Gulls in the CAC Tournament semifinals.

Cross Country Captures 2nd Place at CAC Championships

By ANDY LEONARD

Despite the imperfect conditions, the University of Mary Washington men's and women's cross country teams were able to slip and skid their way through the falling snow to take second place in the Capital Athletic Conference Championships in York, PA last Saturday.

"We raced our conference race through a blizzard—we literally ran while it was snowing, trudging through about 2-4 inches of snow," senior Dawn Rainbolt said. "This semester has been one for crazy weather. It started off with an earthquake, then a hurricane. We've run through lightning storms, tornado warnings, and mud—lots and lots of mud. So why not a little snow too?"

At the beginning of the season, Head Coach Stan Stoper believed the success of the women's team would be reliant upon strong running from his incoming freshmen. However, when it came time for the CAC Championships, Stoper noted that, "it was several of the veteran racers who had big runs for



Sophomore Liz Green (57) finished first overall in the women's event with a time of 25:57.

the Eagles."

Sophomore Liz Green finished first overall on the women's side with a time of 25:57. Freshman Hannah Somers came in seventh at 26:50, followed shortly thereafter by fellow freshman Jennifer Moore at the 27:04 mark to

take 11th place. Junior Ashley Hess crossed the finish line in 17th place with a time of 27:25, while seniors Michaela Sands and Dawn Rainbolt and sophomore Erin Dandridge finished 21st through 23rd with times of

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Jones' Hat Trick Propels UMW to Blow Out Victory

By BRANDY SIMPSON

The University of Mary Washington women's field hockey team put on an offensive show this past Sunday, Oct. 30, as the Lady Eagles defeated Stevenson University 6-0 in the first round of the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament. The latest win for the No. 19 Eagles boosted them to 15-4 overall on the season, while the loss ended the struggling Mustangs season with a record of 6-14.

The ball was controlled for much of the opening half by UMW, as the Eagles attempted 15 shots in the first frame compared to just two attempts for Stevenson. However, the Mustangs defense was able to fend off the unrelenting Eagles offense for a majority of the first half, as Stevenson goalie Kelsi Zimmerman recorded 11 first half saves.

"We had two days off due to inclement weather, so it took us awhile to get going," senior Morgan Jones said.

It would be Jones who salvaged the first half for the Eagles, as she scored the first goal of the game with just a little over 20 seconds left before intermission. Sophomore Caitlin Baker set up the scoring strike, as she crossed a ball from the right side of the field over to Jones, who ripped it past the previously impenetrable defense of Zimmerman.

The Eagles continued to unleash a barrage of shots once play resumed in the second half. Though this go around UMW was much more successful in their attempts, piling up five goals after the break. Jones upped the score to 2-0, with a goal in the 42nd minute to open the half that was again assisted by Baker. Just over five minutes later, Baker got a goal of her own, as she placed a beautiful

shot in the 54th minute that brought the score to 3-0. Jones, junior Lisa Charney, and Baker all added goals as the game wore on, allowing Mary Washington to exit with a convincing 6-0 win.

"I'm out for blood. [Wesley] beat us in overtime in strokes last game and I'm ready for revenge."

-Senior Morgan Jones

"Although we came out a little slow, we picked it up and it was a good first win," Baker said. "It was pretty exciting and it set us up in a good position for the playoffs."

In total, Jones led with three goals, Baker had two goals and two assists, and Charney had one goal. Sophomore Mallory Peebles also added one assist, while junior Claire Gianelle

recorded a team-high four saves at goalkeeper.

The win over Stevenson proved to be a record-breaking game for Jones, who now holds the UMW record for most goals in a single season with 24. Former Eagles' All-American Jessica Morris had held the record of 23 goals since 2001, but Jones' third goal of the game pushed her past Morris' mark and etched her own name in the record books.

Neither Baker or Jones are dwelling too much on Sunday's win, but instead have their sights focused on their CAC Tournament Semifinals match against Wesley College. The Eagles lost their only regular season meeting with Wesley, 4-3, in penalty strokes.

"I'm out for blood," Jones said. "They beat us in overtime in strokes last game and I'm ready for revenge."

UMW got their shot at Wesley last night, but the Eagles fell to the Wolverines 1-0. UMW still has a chance at an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament.

Athletes of the Week

Mary Washington senior field hockey player Morgan Jones was selected as the CAC Field Hockey Offensive Player of the Week. Jones



Courtesy of Clint Offen
Morgan Jones

scored three goals and broke the Mary Washington record for goals in a season (24) in Sunday's CAC Tournament win over Stevenson University.

Mary Washington sophomore women's soccer player Erin Reynolds was named the CAC Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week. Reynolds scored a goal in the 98th minute of Sunday's CAC Tournament game against York College to give the Eagles the 2-1 victory.



Courtesy of Clint Offen
Erin Reynolds



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Senior Morgan Jones' (11) three goals gave her 24 for the season, which is a new UMW record.